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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 111  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Bill Butt on his  
outstanding contributions to Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly recognize those  
outstanding individuals whose dedication and hard work have had a significant impact on  
Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Butt is one such remarkable citizen, whose work in entomology is  
internationally renowned; and

WHEREAS, originally from Indiana, Bill Butt grew up on a farm near Brazil, Indiana and  
later studied insects at Purdue University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butt proudly served his nation in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, he has served with acumen and alacrity as an entomologist at the United  
States Department of Agriculture and the International Atomic Energy Agency for over 40 years;  
and

WHEREAS, during this long and productive tenure, Bill Butt has revolutionized the  
entomology world by his studies of the sterilization of insect pests; and

WHEREAS, Bill Butt has worked on several projects around the world, including  
developing alternative crops to the opium poppy in Thailand and directing the International  
Atomic Energy Agency's Entomology Lab in Austria, where he worked with the mass  
production, sterilization and transport of the tsetse fly and the Mediterranean fruit fly; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Butt established the Tennessee State University Nursery Crop Research Station in McMinnville, where he supervised all aspects of the project, from land preparation to the design of the facility; and

WHEREAS, because of his vast accomplishments in entomology, Bill Butt has been featured in several books, including Men and Women of Science and Who's Who in Science, and has published over 100 articles during his career; and

WHEREAS, because of his profound love for the outdoors, Bill Butt is an avid rock climber and hiker, having climbed all the major peaks in the state of Washington as well as climbing the Alps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Butt also performed Mountain Search & Rescue in Washington and also taught rock climbing; and

WHEREAS, Bill Butt is an honorary lifetime member of the Tennessee Nurserymen's Association and a member of the Middle Tennessee Nursery Association; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Bill Butt is most appreciative of the love he shares with his two daughters and two delightful grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, it is highly fitting that this General Assembly honor an exemplary individual who will be greatly missed by the city of McMinnville and Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Mr. Bill Butt for his outstanding contributions to Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend our best wishes to Bill Butt and wish him continued success in future endeavors as he departs Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

